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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Carl F. Lape  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT : Contributions of Commander Joseph A. Meyertholen  
to the Economic Intelligence Committee

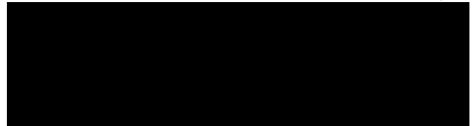
1. Completion of the recent joint exercise abroad offers us a most appropriate occasion to express the thanks of the EIC for many services rendered by Commander Joseph A. Meyertholen over several years of participation in our work. In addition to serving with force and initiative on several of our continuing subcommittee activities, his efforts have been particularly helpful in this recurring annual review of NC-E-I, in which he has regularly represented ONI and EIC on the joint working-party meetings both here and abroad. The notable success of the latest exercise has been due to a very large extent to the personal contributions of Commander Meyertholen.

2. The senior US representative on this recent working group has reported to me the persuasive and temperate way in which Commander Meyertholen presented your ONI evidence - so that it quickly won acceptance. The resulting reconciliation of views resulted from a fundamental mutual new understanding of those basic respective positions which had formerly led to disagreed conclusions on a number of important points. It must be particularly gratifying to you, as it is to us, that in the present agreed study the positions consistently taken by your office have been substantiated in a large number of issues. (A more detailed statement of the specific contributions of Commander Meyertholen in this entire exercise has been incorporated in our classified letter to you of 10 June.)

3. On behalf of the Economic Intelligence Committee may I express our official thanks for these contributions of Commander Meyertholen? It is with real regret that we have heard that

completion of his present tour of duty in the near future may transfer him to other interests. In the meantime we hope to continue to draw on his talents so long as he is available, and we wish him every success in whatever new assignments he may undertake.

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Chairman  
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